



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 23, 2013

Mr. Joe Belanger
General Manager
Aluminum Dip Brazing Industries
2537 North Ontario Street
Burbank, California 91504

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SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR TECHNICAL REPORTS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13267 ORDER NO. R4-2013-0085

SITE: ALUMINUM DIP BRAZING INDUSTRIES, 2537 NORTH ONTARIO STREET, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 104.0086)

Dear Mr. Belanger:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality for all beneficial uses within major portions of the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, including the referenced site.

The Regional Board is investigating potential sources for groundwater pollution within the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) San Fernando Valley Superfund Site (Superfund Site). It is known that groundwater within the Superfund Site, including the vicinity of the Aluminum Dip Brazing Industries (Aluminum Dip Brazing) facility, is impacted with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and heavy metals, particularly chromium.

Regional Board staff has received information regarding the Aluminum Dip Brazing facility located at 2537 North Ontario Street, in the City of Burbank, California (the Site). Regional Board records indicate that Aluminum Dip Brazing has occupied the Site since approximately 1972. Aluminum Dip Brazing's operations at the Site include machining, welding, sheet metal work, salt bath dip brazing and chromium conversion coating line for aluminum.

Based on our review of available documents, we have determined that additional information is required regarding the operations conducted and the chemicals used and stored by Aluminum Dip Brazing, at the Site. Enclosed is a California Water Code (CWC) section 13267 Order No. R4-2013-0085 (Order), requiring you to complete the enclosed Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire which provides information regarding the Aluminum Dip Brazing facility including detailed information regarding site operations and chemical use at the Site, in order to evaluate the potential for soil and groundwater contamination.

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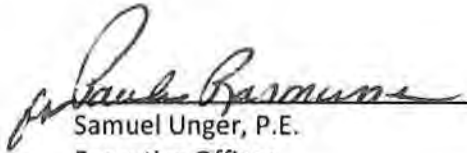
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Should you have any questions related to this project, please contact Ms. Luz Rabelo via telephone at (213) 576-6783 or via email at luz.rabelo@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer

Enclosure: California Water Code Section 13267 Order No. R4-2013-0085
Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire

cc: Ms. Lisa Hanusiak, USEPA Region IX
Mr. Leo Chan, City of Glendale
Mr. Bill Mace, City of Burbank Water Supply Department
Mr. Vahe Dabbaghian, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
Mr. Milad Taghavi, Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
Mr. Richard Slade, ULARA Watermaster

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**ORDER TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL REPORTS
CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13267 ORDER NO. R4-2013-0085**

DIRECTED TO ALUMINUM DIP BRAZING INDUSTRIES

**ALUMINUM DIP BRAZING INDUSTRIES
2537 NORTH ONTARIO STREET, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA
(FILE NO. 104.0086)**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) makes the following findings and issues this Order pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) section 13267.

1. The groundwater within the San Fernando Valley Groundwater Basin has been impacted by heavy metals, specifically chromium. As a result of the groundwater impacts, the Regional Board is investigating potential sources of the contamination. The current investigation, led by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Regional Board, is focused on identifying individuals and companies responsible for the chromium pollution in the region and holding them responsible for the investigation and remediation of the affected site. The above Site is located in the investigative area.
2. Aluminum Dip Brazing Industries (Aluminum Dip Brazing) operates a facility located at 2537 North Ontario Street, in the City of Burbank, California (the Site). Aluminum Dip Brazing has occupied the Site since approximately 1972. Regional Board files indicate that on September 5, 2006, Mr. Greg V. Arthur, USEPA Clean Water Act (CWA) Compliance Officer, conducted a CWA Inspection in order to evaluate the compliance status of the Aluminum Dip Brazing facility. The inspection report stated that Aluminum Dip Brazing's operations at the site included machining, welding, sheet metal work, salt bath dip brazing and chromium conversion coating line for aluminum. Based on our review of available documents, additional information is required in order to evaluate the potential discharge and/or release to the subsurface soils, as a result of Aluminum Dip Brazing's operations, at the Site.
3. CWC section 13267(b)(1) states, in part: In conducting an investigation the Regional Board may require that any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharged or, discharging, or who proposes to discharge waste within its region shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical or monitoring program reports which the Regional Board requires. The burden, including costs, of these reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. In requiring those reports, the Regional Board shall provide the person with a written explanation with regard to the need for the reports, and shall identify the evidence that supports requiring that person to provide the reports.
4. Regional Board staff suspects that there is or has been a potential for discharge of waste at or from the Site. The supporting evidence is that the Aluminum Dip Brazing facility is located

within the USEPA San Fernando Valley Superfund Site (Superfund Site). It is known that groundwater within the Superfund Site, including the vicinity of the Aluminum Dip Brazing facility, is contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and heavy metals, particularly chromium. The Aluminum Dip Brazing facility is among the suspected sources of waste discharge in the Superfund Site because of the operations conducted and the suspected chemicals used at the Site.

5. This Order identifies Aluminum Dip Brazing as the entity responsible for the potential unauthorized discharge of waste identified in paragraphs two (2) and four (4) because Aluminum Dip Brazing operated the activity that resulted in the potential discharge of waste.
6. This Order requires Aluminum Dip Brazing to prepare and submit the enclosed Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire as well as technical reports on the operations history and chemical use history by Aluminum Dip Brazing at the Site. You are required to submit a complete report or reports, as required by this Order, to the Regional Board. The Regional Board may request additional information under this Order.
7. The Regional Board needs this information in order to completely evaluate the Aluminum Dip Brazing facility and to determine the subsurface soil conditions at the Site as part of the efforts to identify sources of chromium contamination in the San Fernando Valley.
8. The burdens, including costs, of these reports bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports. The information is necessary to assure adequate cleanup of the Aluminum Dip Brazing facility, which as described above potentially poses significant threats to public health and the environment.
9. The issuance of this Order is an enforcement action by a regulatory agency and is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15321(a)(2), Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. This Order requires submittal of technical and/or monitoring reports and work plans. The proposed activities under the work plan are not yet known. It is unlikely that implementation of the work associated with this Order could result in anything more than minor physical changes to the environment. If the implementation may result in significant impacts on the environment, the appropriate lead agency will address the CEQA requirements prior to implementing any work plan.
10. Any person aggrieved by this action of the Regional Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at the following link:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality

or will be provided upon request.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Aluminum Dip Brazing, pursuant to section 13267(b) of the CWC, is required to submit the following:

By **July 1, 2013**, complete and return the attached Chemical Storage and Use Questionnaire (CUQ) which provides information on past and/or present chemicals stored and used at the Aluminum Dip Brazing facility located at 2537 North Ontario Street in the City of Burbank, California. Please return the CUQ properly signed, even if no chemicals are stored or used at your facility.

In addition, you must also submit any and all documentation regarding the historical chemical use and storage and detailed information on historical operations conducted at the Aluminum Dip Brazing facility, including copies of hazardous waste manifests, chemical inventory lists, fire department inspection records and other relevant documents.

The above items shall be submitted to:

Ms. Luz Rabelo
Water Resources Control Engineer
Remediation Section
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013
Phone: (213) 576-6783
Email: luz.rabelo@waterboards.ca.gov

Pursuant to section 13267(a) of the CWC, any person who fails to submit reports in accordance with the Order is guilty of a misdemeanor. Pursuant to section 13268(b)(1) of the CWC, failure to submit the required information described above by the specified due date(s) may result in the imposition of administrative civil liability by the Regional Board in an amount up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day the information is not received after the above due date. These civil liabilities may be assessed by the Regional Board for failure to comply, beginning with the date that the violations first occurred, and without further warning.

The Regional Board, under the authority given by CWC section 13267, subdivision (b)(1), requires you to include a perjury statement in all reports submitted under the 13267 Order. The perjury statement shall be signed by a senior authorized Aluminum Dip Brazing representative (not by a consultant). The perjury statement shall be in the following format:

"I, [NAME], certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared by me, or under my direction or supervision, in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the

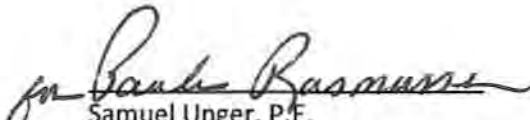
information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The State Board adopted regulations (Chapter 30, Division 3 of Title 23 & Division 3 of Title 27, California Code of Regulation) requiring the electronic submittals of information (ESI) for all site cleanup programs, starting January 1, 2005. Currently, all of the information on electronic submittals and GeoTracker contacts can be found on the Internet at the following link:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/electronic_submittal

To comply with the above referenced regulation, you are required to upload all technical repots, documents, and well data to GeoTracker by the due dates specified in the Regional Board letters and orders issued to you or for the Site. However, the Regional Board may request that you submit hard copies of selected documents and data in addition to electronic submittal of information to GeoTracker.

SO ORDERED.


Samuel Unger, P.E.
Executive Officer

5/23/13
Date



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GOVERNOR

MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ
SECRETARY FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

CHEMICAL STORAGE AND USE QUESTIONNAIRE HEAVY METALS INVESTIGATION ALUMINUM DIP BRAZING 2537 NORTH ONTARIO STREET, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

I. Facility information

1. Company name: _____
2. Company address: _____ Unit No. _____
3. Contact Name: _____ Email: _____
4. City: _____ Zip code: _____ Phone: () _____
5. Standard Industrial Classification (SIC): _____
6. Brief description of business:

7. EPA Generator I.D. Number: _____ Years at this location: _____

8. Answer the following questions relative to **present** operations:

- A. Do you perform plating, metal finishing, and anodizing? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please explain:

- B. Do you have plating or anodizing tanks? _____ Yes _____ No

- C. Do you use or have you ever used Alumatic type products? _____ Yes _____ No

- D. Do you have a clarifier, sump, tank or other holding tanks for wastewater? _____ Yes _____ No

- E. Do you have an industrial waste permit for sewer discharge? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, provide permit no. _____

- F. Do you store chemicals at this location? _____ Yes _____ No

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- G. Have any soil, wastewater and/or groundwater investigations been conducted on the property? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, provided date(s), and State or local agency?

9. Do you know if plating operations existed at this location? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please explain:

10. Answer the following questions relative to **past** operations, if applicable:

- A. Address of previous metal finishing operations: _____
- B. Years in business at previous location(s), if applicable: _____
- C. Did you once have plating or anodizing tanks? _____ Yes _____ No
- D. Did you perform any metal finishing work? _____ Yes _____ No
- E. Did you have a clarifier, sump, tank or other holding tanks for waste water? _____ Yes _____ No
- F. Did you have an industrial waste permit for sewer discharge? _____ Yes _____ No
- G. Did you have a drum storage area? _____ Yes _____ No
- H. Have any soil, waste water and/or groundwater investigations been conducted on the property? _____ Yes _____ No

If so, provide date(s) and name of regulatory agency: _____

11. Name(s) of former tenants(s), dates of operation and type of business (provide a separate sheet if necessary).

Company Name	Type of Business	Dates of Operation at the Site

12. List all processes in which metallic compounds (Chromium, Cadmium, Mercury, Nickel, Zinc, etc.) are used.

II. Property owner information

1. Name of current property owner: _____
2. Mailing address of property owner: _____
3. City: _____ Zip code: _____ Phone: () _____
4. Prior property owner(s) and the dates of their ownership (for past 40 yrs., if known)

Property Owner	Dates of Ownership	
	From	To

III. Waste Management

1. List source(s) of industrial waste(s) from the site? (Identify sources by process, composition of wastes generated and approximate quantity disposed of monthly).

IV. Sewer Information

1. _____ Industrial _____ Septic tank _____ Municipal _____ Cesspool _____ Other
2. Was a different disposal system used in the past? _____ Yes _____ No
- If yes, specify type _____

V. Chemical Storage and Use

Complete the following sections for each chemical(s) used or stored at the facility, both past and present use; excluding common housekeeping chemicals. Add separate sheets to complete your listing, if necessary.

Chemical Name: _____

1. Common/Trade name: _____ Quantity stored: _____

2. Storage method: ☐ Underground tank ☐ Drums
 ☐ Aboveground tank ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. Waste disposal: ☐ Sewered ☐ Onsite recycling
 ☐ Hauled ☐ Offsite recycling

4. Is waste treatment performed prior to disposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, specify treatment method: _____

5. Is waste stored prior to disposal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Are manifest records for designated waste streams available for review? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SHALL BE SIGNED AND ACKNOWLEDGE BELOW AS FOLLOWS:

By a principal, an executive of the company, or other authorized representative of the company.
This questionnaire has been completed under penalty of perjury and to the best of my knowledge, as true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Title: _____

Phone number: () _____

Please Return this Form to:

**LOS ANGELES REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
320 WEST 4TH STREET, SUITE 200
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90013**